Dependence on import of edible oils

†3308. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dependency on the import of edible oils is increasing in the country over the years in order to meet the requirement of consumption;

(b) if so, the percentage of dependency in the years 2004-05 and 2008-09;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this dependence was only 2 per cent in the initial few years after the setting up of Oilseeds Technology Mission in the year 1986; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The shares of imported edible oils in total domestic availability in the years 2004-05 and 2008-09 (November to October) were 41.03% and 48.76% respectively.

(c) and (d) The percentage share of imported edible oils in total domestic availability had come down from 33.14% during 1986-87 to 0.88% during 1992-93. During the period from 1993-94 to 2008-09, the percentage share of imported edible oils went up from 3.14% to 48.76%.

Setting up of IIT in Kerala

3309. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether competent authority of Kerala had submitted representations on 10 August, 2006 to set up an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Kerala;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the competent authority of Kerala *vide* letter dated 28th November, 2006 had informed that the land for setting up of IIT in Kerala had been identified;

(d) if so, whether any action had been initiated to inspect the above land and to set up an IIT;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala *vide* his letters dated 10th August and 27th November, 2006 had requested for setting up of a satellite campus of the

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